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## To All Readers . . .

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## Tubby's Story

"*Tubby Clayton; a personal Saga*", the biography of the Founder Padre written by Melville Harcourt has been out-of-print for some while and we are glad to announce that Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton Ltd., have now produced an abridged paper-back edition which will be published on July 12. Copies can be obtained from any bookseller or ordered direct from Toc H Publications Dept., 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1 price 4s. 6d., plus postage 4d.

## Old House Re-union

Pilgrims to Talbot House, Poperinge are invited to a Reunion being held at Talbot House, 42 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3 on Saturday, November 10 from 3.00 to 8.00 p.m. All friends of the Old House will be most welcome. For details please write to: Old House Reunion Secretary, Toc H Headquarters.

## No August Number!

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Daffodils weighing nearly half-a-ton, collected by members of Newent, Gloucester and Cheltenham Branches for distribution the following day to London hospitals by the Marksmen of Toc H Mark VII, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

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# GOING UP

by THE EDITOR

TODAY'S TALE of rising costs in almost every direction is an all too familiar one. Many readers, still on the right side of fifty, will recall the time when the humble penny possessed a real purchasing power and the 'nimble tanner' was sufficient to found the Woolworthian empire on a slogan of "Nothing over Sixpence".

When the JOURNAL first appeared in June, 1922 it also was priced at sixpence, and despite the greatly increased costs of its three essential P's—Paper, Printing and Postage—especially over the last ten years, that original price has never been exceeded up to the present time. Indeed, during the darkest days of war, shorn of its cover and much reduced in pages, the selling price was cut to threepence.

Now, with the recent printers' wage award plus a further increase in postal charges, our hand has at last been forced and we are reluctantly compelled to raise the price. Commencing with the September issue, your copy of the JOURNAL will cost ninepence. It is a matter of life or death for any periodical to have the sympathetic support of its readers, and we count with confidence on not only retaining all present subscribers but on adding considerably to their numbers.

In recent years, the JOURNAL has steadily expanded in both the number and variety of articles published and last year, apart from regular features, contained articles from over eighty different contributors. More space has also been provided for news from the Areas and the new series of potted biographies has been warmly welcomed. Continually we shall do our utmost to maintain this living link with the entire Family.

Tubby has consistently urged every member of Toc H to become a regular reader and, in addition, to use his copy of the JOURNAL as ammunition directed at those who are beyond the Movement's ranks. There are still some Branches whose monthly orders are insufficient to provide an individual copy for every one of their members. We now earnestly ask them to review the position and see if it is possible for them to ensure a hundred per cent. distribution within the Branch. To help this to be achieved we are very glad to announce a special price concession to all Branches taking at least a dozen copies and the details are given on the inside cover of this number.

# TWENTY AND ONE

by H. S. M. HOARE

General Secretary, The British Empire Leprosy Relief Association

ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1935, five Toc H men sailed from England into the uncharted sea of lay work in leprosy. They were NORMAN CRAYFORD (*Swindon*), WILL LAMBERT (*Preston*), HAMISH MACGREGOR (*Blackhill*), LEN PARKER (*Bedale & Mark I*) and PETER PEDRICK (*Exeter*). These had all answered Tubby's call for *men* to carry the good work of Belra out from these shores into the heart of Africa and wherever the need should draw them. Will Lambert and Hamish Macgregor have both been honoured by their Sovereign by the conferment of a M.B.E.

## *Belra and Toc H*

On June 6, Tubby met three of them, together again after twenty-one years, at a joint public meeting of the two Associations in the Assembly Hall of the Royal Empire Society. Norman Crayford and Peter Pedrick, who could not leave their posts in West Africa to share in the reunion, sent greetings. But the highlight was a gracious message from Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of Belra :

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

PLEASE CONVEY TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE LEPROSY RELIEF ASSOCIATION AND TOC H, MEETING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF FRUITFUL ALLIANCE IN THE WAR ON LEPROSY, MY SINCERE THANKS FOR THEIR KIND MESSAGE OF LOYAL GREETINGS.

ON MY RECENT VISIT TO THE OJI RIVER SETTLEMENT I SAW HOW MUCH THE PATIENTS OWE TO A DEVOTED STAFF. I TRUST THAT MEN AND WOMEN WILL NEVER BE WANTING UNTIL THE JOINT TASK UNDERTAKEN BY YOUR ASSOCIATIONS IS FULFILLED.

ELIZABETH R.

## *'By their fruits . . .'*

In his address, as President of Belra, Lord Halifax recalled that he had first come into close touch with the work of Toc H in Calcutta, during the years that he served as Viceroy, and was much impressed by the spirit of Christianity in action which it displayed. "On a more mundane plane" he added "it was refreshing after the dignities of vice-regal surroundings to find myself in a club with the welcome but disrespectful motto 'All rank abandon ye who enter here'.

"Some things are difficult to define, but not difficult to recognise. It is not easy to define a gentleman. He might be a duke or a coal-miner—but you can very quickly recognise him. So with Toc H. A Toc H man (or woman) is the sort of person to abandon a good job at home and go and live out his days in a leprosy settlement. By their fruits you shall know them".

Referring to the work done by the Toc H leprosy workers, Lord Halifax remarked: "There used to be a *cliché* applied, in the good old days, to any job that needed doing about the house: '*just send for a man*'. That, if I may say so, seems to express the attitude of overseas governments to any job that needs doing in the leprosy field: *just send for a Belra worker*. The Association rather prides itself on never yet having failed to produce the man for the job.

### *Beehives to bricks*

"There's another thing about these workers—they will tackle anything. It may be establishing a colony of beehives or growing food where none has grown before; it may be making bricks with nothing but local clay; or perhaps improvising industrial plant or building a hospital to Government specifications, at about two-thirds Government costs. I have not yet heard of the job that, if asked politely, they would not undertake."

In conclusion Lord Halifax referred to the generosity of those 'sponsors' who had provided the £1,500 needed to launch each of the pioneer Toc H workers and to the great response from Toc H as a whole and the general public which now enables Belra to maintain an 'overseas' staff costing some £30,000 a year and to plan an increase to £45,000.

He then called on Hamish MacGregor to speak for the pioneers and all their followers. These still include seventeen Toc H men (records the Belra annual report) out of thirty-seven who have seen leprosy service, and have over the years served in Cyprus, Gambia, the Gold Coast, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaya, Nigeria, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, Sarawak, the Seychelles, the Sudan, Swaziland, Tanganyika, Togoland, Trinidad, Uganda and Zanzibar.

Hamish MacGregor described the forebodings with which he and the others had embarked, and the inspiration on their first evening at Itu when a patient rose at the Church Service for their reception and prayed fervently for their work and that others might follow them.

He mentioned other highlights of his eighteen years at Itu and his last three years at Kuching (Sarawak) and emphasised the complete transformation of many cases following the introduction of sulphone treatment five years ago.

After him Mr. Opoku-Pare, Secretary of the Society of Friends of Lepers in the Gold Coast, spoke shortly of its aims and achievements, and of the encouragement it had received from George and Jenny McKay and other Belra workers. Most suitably, Mrs. McKay rose to reply. She described vividly her own and George's early struggles at Ho, in British Togoland, where a residue of burnt-out and advanced cases expected only to be left alone and just kept alive. The transformation, as she described it, of such a 'dump' into the semblance of a live and active community was clearly a great achievement, which nevertheless can be matched by the work of other Toc H workers elsewhere.

After her story, simply and most movingly told, a film *Back to the Community* was shown. It was a modern human film and it illustrated with great effect the discovery of infection in a young married man, his treatment at the settlement, his cure and eventual return to his wife in their village.

The meeting ended with prayers led by Tubby, to whose initial support and inspiration we owe the friendship of Toc H throughout the years.

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## Branch Member's Covenant

Most Members know something about Deeds of Covenant. Originally used in respect of Toc H Builders' subscriptions and some years ago one was introduced for Members.

**H**ERE IS A NEW METHOD, just as fully recognised and approved by H.M. Government as the other two, by which Branch Members can sign deeds of covenant in respect of the whole amount (or part only if they wish) of the self-assessment payments they make to their Branch Treasurer.

**A Member** who normally contributes 2s. per week as his self assessment to his Branch work can, by this scheme, add a further 1s. 6d. per week (£3 18s. a year) to the Family Purse without further cost to himself.



**Who gets the money?** The Branch Treasurer retains the self assessment payment as usual for normal Branch work. The Family Purse benefits from the tax recovered each year and this is treated as an additional Branch contribution.

**The deed of covenant** should be sent to the Chief Accountant, Toc H, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1, immediately after completion so that it can be officially stamped.

**Certificate for signature.** Each year the Branch Treasurer will receive a simple certificate for his signature saying that he has in fact received the subscriptions. At the same time tax certificates will be sent to him for the signature of members concerned. These forms should be returned to the Chief Accountant of Toc H as soon as possible.

#### Points to be noted and questions answered.

- (1) A deed of covenant is a promise to make certain payments over a period of seven years. Death during the seven years puts an end to the deed.
- (2) **Tax Rates 1956/57.** After all the allowances to which a Member is entitled have been made he will pay tax on the rest of his income (wages, salary, etc.) at the following rates:—

	Tax p.a.			Tax per week		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The first £60 @ 2s. 3d. in the £ ...	6	15	0		2	7
The next £150 @ 4s. 9d. in the £ ...	35	12	0		13	8
Total tax payable thus far ...	42	7	6		16	3
The next £150 @ 6s. 9d. in the £ ...	50	12	6		19	6
Total tax payable thus far ...	£93	0	0		£1 15	9

All higher income is taxed at 8s. 6d. in the £.

Therefore, if you pay more than 16s. 3d. a week or more than £42 7s. 6d. a year, you are paying @ 6s. 9d. in the £ on some of your income; if you pay more than £1 15s. 9d. a week or more than £93 p.a. then you are paying at 8s. 6d. (the full standard rate) in the £ on some of your income.

- (3) If a member pays tax at the full standard rate, he will not have to pay anything more than his self assessment payment to his Branch Treasurer. If a member pays less than the full standard rate, he may be called upon to pay a little extra tax, e.g. if he pays some tax at 6s. 9d. and none at 8s. 6d. he may be called upon to pay 3s. extra tax for every £1 paid under this deed. Many members will think this worth doing as Toc H will benefit by 14s. 9d. for every £1.



- (4) The whole scheme of deeds of covenant was designed and continued by H.M. Governments past and present with the deliberate intention, among other things, of assisting out of State funds non-profit making bodies such as charities, educational and religious organisations and the like. Whilst we are entitled and encouraged to take full advantage of this legislation it falls upon us for our part to observe the conditions. Be sure, therefore, that you know where you stand and what is expected of you before you complete this deed. Then encourage a few more members in your Branch and District to do the same thing. This scheme may mean anything up to £10,000 a year for Toc H work, so please see that it gets full and loyal support.
- (5) To save yourself time and trouble, include the annual amount of your deed of covenant subscription in the return of income you receive from H.M. Inspector of Taxes. The proper place for it is under the heading "Annual Charges". H.M. Inspector of Taxes will then do whatever is necessary to recover the odd shillings, if any, which you may have to pay.

Area Treasurers already have a stock of new Branch Member's deed of covenant forms and will be glad to hand over a supply to any Branch Treasurer asking for them.

### 'A FOREIGN FIELD'

*During his recent Mediterranean trip TUBBY revisited at Salerno the grave of JOHN CARPENTER GARNIER who was with him at Toc H Orkney in the early part of World War II before enlisting in the Scots Guards. Here is an extract from Tubby's letter to John's mother:*

FRED JACKSON and I seized the rare privilege this morning of a pilgrimage from Naples to the War Cemetery at Salerno, actually some miles south of that Typical Town. My earlier visit was in '44, and I was heartened by the gathering beauty of this inheritance, thanks to the exquisite taste of I.W.G.C., and to the gardeners whom they select. A grizzled gardener, well-nigh my age, who had spent twenty years in U.S.A., takes an inspiring pride in the British Camposancto, in every fine young tree springing to life. He helped us find the two headstones we chiefly sought; first that of John, and then Pat Alington's.

John's stone is set as background to a rose. One glorious red bloom, proud of its position, now guards his grave, with many buds maturing, honoured to take their turn throughout the summer. You and John's father made a wise decision, when you instructed that there should be placed beneath his name and age and rank and Regiment only three words, *Te Deum Laudemus*. The Red Rose murmurs these, and is content.

P.B.C.

11.5.56.

# Seen any Scouting lately?

by J. F. COLQUHOUN

Scout Headquarters Commissioner for Relationships.

I HAVE HEARD IT SAID that Toc H is little interested in the Scout Movement. I must hasten to assure you that I do not believe it. Perhaps it is true that the jobs of service recorded in the JOURNAL do not often include jobs for Scouting, but that is natural enough. The JOURNAL likes to record original ideas, whereas the jobs done by Toc H members for Scouting are usually carried on quietly, behind the scenes. I am sure that a great deal of steady help is given, week in and week out.

## *Out for help*

In any event, we have no right to expect that Scouting should monopolise Toc H help. There are many organisations which look to you for help, and some of them are even worse off for assistance than we are. Again, not every one is attracted to work with boys—some actively dislike them.

But we believe that we can offer many worthwhile jobs for those who believe in a definite system of training, which has proved successful all over the world and has a world membership of over 6,000,000 boys of every colour and creed. Moreover, we believe in starting young with Wolf Cubs from eight upwards.

Certainly we are out to get all the help we can, and your Headquarters agrees that we have the right to ask for it. What can we do about it?

## *Making contact*

The first thing seems to be that the two Movements should get to know each other locally. Do Toc H Branches know the Scout District Commissioner? If they don't, the Police will be able to supply his address! He may be shy about approaching you, for fear of causing embarrassment if the Branch is not a very strong one. I suggest that, if your Branch is not already in touch, the Jobmaster should seek out the District Commissioner, and find out what help he needs for his Groups. His first idea will be that he needs more Scouters, and that is certainly true nearly everywhere. Not only are some Groups poorly staffed, but we could deal with many



'Spare-time activities'

boys who are anxious to join if there were more help available.

But to be a Scouter is not everybody's cup of tea. Fortunately, there are many other ways in which help can be given. We need many more Instructors and Examiners, who have the elementary knowledge to teach or test Scouts in one or other of the Scout subjects, such as first aid, map reading, nature study or a score of others. For older members, we need Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers of Committees, and members of Local Association or Group Committees. Do you like small boys? We have thousands of Cubs for you to

ANY SCOUTING LATELY?

work with, and there are special opportunities for young men to help Lady Cubmasters with the older boys of ten or over. Do you like them a bit older? There are the Boy Scouts from eleven to fourteen. Or do you prefer the Boy stuff? Then perhaps you would like to work with the tough Scouts from fifteen upwards, who are specially short of help.

There is, I am sure, a great lack of knowledge of each other's aims and achievements. Why not arrange an interchange of speakers at District and Area conferences? We on our side would like everybody in Toc H to have a greater knowledge of what we are trying to do, and how far we succeed or fail in doing it. There are plenty of good stories to be told of Scouting round the world—for example, how we flew nearly 1,000 Senior Scouts to Canada last summer to attend the 8th World Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake. There is a first-rate colour film of it available.

### *Grown-up levels*

There are advantages, moreover, in closer links between us at grown-up levels. Our Rover Crews of seventeen years of age and upwards are being re-organised in District Crews, and some men of twenty-four and over will be leaving the active Scout Movement, and may be glad of the opportunity of joining Toc H.

Many of our former Scouts are members of the B.-P. Scout Guild, which is a separate organisation but very closely linked with the Scout Movement at all levels. There are not a very large number of Branches yet, and some of them are weak in numbers. It is in just such cases that co-operation between their Branches and a local Toc H Branch might be helpful to both in combined operations of service to the neighbourhood. (I believe that there is to be an article in the JOURNAL about this later on.)

### *Closer links*

I do not write this entirely from the outside, for I have been connected with Toc H in one way or another for more than thirty years. It is because I believe in both our Movements that I venture to send you this appeal for help. Tubby has often said that he would like to see closer links between you and us, and more help from Toc H for Scouting. We are keen on this too. What can you do?



# MULTUM || MUCH IN PARVO || IN LITTLE

✽ HUBERT SECRETAN, formerly Hon. Administrator and until recently Chairman of the Central Executive, has been appointed C.B.E. This promotion in the order is an honour bestowed in recognition of his services to the Boys' Club movement and to much else, as Toc H is proud to know.

✽ Congratulations also to FRANK COLEMAN-CROSS, Toc H Commissioner in the Middle East, who has been made M.B.E. He is now at home enjoying a well-earned leave from his work at Talbot House, 4 Clemens Street, Nicosia, Cyprus.

✽ Two padre-members overseas have been awarded the O.B.E.: Archdeacon GEORGE H. MARTIN, Khartoum, Northern Sudan, and Canon B. J. TOWNSEND, São Paulo, Brazil.

✽ Other members honoured on the Queen's Birthday were ARTHUR L. GRINYER, O.B.E., Portsmouth, and THOMAS EDWARDS, M.B.E., Buckley, Flint.

✽ RONALD S. SYMONS has been appointed Chairman of the Central Executive for 1956-57, and Colonel JOHN A. DAVIES Vice-Chairman.

✽ The Chief Accountant, JACK HARRISON, will be known in future as the "Finance Secretary", this title being more descriptive of his wider responsibilities.

✽ The Central Councillors elected to represent General Branches in 1956-58 are: ALEX ROBERTSON, Galashiels, WILLIAM T. GILL, Derby, W. H. SIMONS, Northern London, and RALPH BIDDULPH, Wolverhampton.

✽ POWER CONFERENCES are being held at Caerleon, Newport, Mon., on July 7-8 and at York on July 21-22. Other Branches now have the opportunity to nominate their three representatives, one a Branch Officer and two with less service, and to notify their Area Secretary at least a month before one of these conferences still to be held:

SEPTEMBER: 1-2, at Didsbury, near Manchester; 15-16 at Bognor Regis, Sussex; 22-23, at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts.; 29-30, at Westward Ho, Devon.

OCTOBER: 13-14, at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire; 20-21, at Folkestone, Kent.

NOVEMBER: 3-4, at Gilsland, Cumberland; 17-18, at Moreton Paddox, Warwickshire.

# Who's Who ON THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE

## HENRY FREDERICK ALLDIS

A Londoner, born near Marble Arch, on moving to Surrey he joined Leatherhead Branch in 1937, becoming its Treasurer in the following year. Enlisted in the Royal Air Force, 1940, and for the six following



years served, first with Fighter Command in East Anglia and later overseas in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Demobilised in 1946 with the rank of Flt. Lieut., he resumed the job of Branch Treasurer, becoming District Chairman and serving on the Surrey and Sussex Area Executive, 1948-9. He was Vice-Chairman Surrey Area Executive until 1953 when he took over the Chair. A member of the Central Elections Committee 1952-55, a

Central Councillor 1950-54 and a member of the Central Executive since 1953. 'Freddie' was in at the start of Horsley Branch, becoming its first Chairman, in 1954. In private life a Bank Official, he has a charming wife and two teen-age daughters and takes a keen interest in cricket, preferably as a player.

## EDWARD EVAN LLOYD

A son of Wales, 'Ted' Lloyd was born at Corris in Merionethshire and went to school at Grove Park, Wrexham. He entered the Civil Service in 1912 but on the outbreak of the 1914-18 war enlisted and

saw much overseas service and gained a Captaincy with the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Joining Toc H in 1930, he became a founder

member of Pontypool Branch and Chairman

of the first District Team for Monmouth-

shire. A member of the South Wales Execu-

tive, he has also been Area Treasurer, Wales,

for the past five years. He occupies the posi-

tion of Assistant Controller, Wales, in the

Ministry of Labour and National Service and

for five years has been President of the Association of Officers of the

M.o.L. & N.S. A vicar's warden, his committee work embraces many

interests including Displaced Persons, Whitley Council, Cardiff Blind

Institute, Boys' Clubs in Wales, and a regimental Benevolent Fund. Any

spare time remaining he considers well spent in fishing and shooting.



# SCOTTISH COUNCIL

by **JOHNNIE MACMILLAN**

Area Secretary for Scotland

**C**ARRONVALE, LARBERT, is the training centre of the Boys' Brigade movement in Scotland, a fine old mansion house, in very lovely grounds, to which members of Toc H units in Scotland send representatives to attend the Annual meeting of the Scottish Council. This year for the week-end May 19-20 members came armed with the Annual Report from the Regional Executive, to do battle and state the case for the family of Toc H in Scotland.

It is said, it may well be by Scots, that Scotsmen are a reserved race, this illusion is dispelled at Carronvale, there is little reserve in the business session, a spade is a . . . Always these gatherings have their personalities, how glad we are for them, even though some well known 'red herrins' are dragged up and well and truly filleted, like their owners, of course with all highland courtesy.

Out of the stress and strain of battle there come constructive avenues of policy making, intended to benefit the Movement in Scotland, and by implication the whole family of Toc H and indeed all humanity. Did someone say 'reserved'?

## *Dealing with persons*

The two speakers who addressed the gathering after the business session, though not themselves members of Toc H, nevertheless challenged us as to the responsibilities of being members of a society committed to dealing with persons.

Tom McKinnon is a well known Scottish mountaineer, who has been in on several Everest parties, and last year was a member of the successful Kanchenchungo party. With coloured slides to aid him he spoke of "Mountains and Men" and all of us were conscious of the tremendous tests made on a group of men engaged in such an adventure. A common purpose carried out, through all the risks involved, a fellowship which is precious and intimate, where each person is different and yet very dependent on his fellow man.

Penry Jones, the Industrial Secretary of the Iona Community, spoke of "Mountains, Machines and Men", knowing something of the fellowship of the mountain team he made us aware of the same need for teamwork in the industrial day in

which we live. Seldom have two men from outside Toc H challenged us as to the quality of our fellowship, our responsibility in the community and the service to be done in voluntary and official channels for the whole of society.

The Clan discussion on the questions set by the speakers was of a high order and it was obvious to our speakers that we were grateful for their coming. Here are the questions posed:

1. Are we in Toc H, prepared to undertake the risks of everyday living?
2. Do we in Toc H, try too much to make life secure?
3. Do we in Toc H, prevent or encourage community living in our local society?
2. What can Toc H do to create a real sense of responsibility in our local community?

The discussion and reporting back can be summed up in part of the report of one Clan.

"If we are not prepared to take risks—we are no use in Toc H".

Extension seemed to be the keynote of this meeting; 'attack is the best defence' and so we look forward to the enlargement of the family in Scotland.



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# WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

by JOYCE GREEN

**T**OWER HILL Underground station staff must be used to outpourings of visitors bent on exploring the Tower of London, but they must have been a little surprised to see so many women surging into the sunshine on Saturday afternoon, June 2. Any enquiries were met by the answer "We've come to the Toc H Women's Association Festival". Three thousand, five hundred members and friends filled the North Aisle of All Hallows, the Terrace and railed-off parts of the Hill to share in the Service of Witness.

The first half of the service was conducted from inside the Church and relayed by loudspeakers to the Terrace, with the Welsh Guards band accompanying hymns whole-heartedly sung by the crowds. Tubby read the Lesson and the Bishop of Singapore, preaching from a platform on the Terrace, stressed a line of the hymn "To serve thee to the end". At the close of the service the crowds quickly dispersed in search of tea, and to link up with friends.

## *Saturday night*

By half-past-seven the four thousand ticket holders had filled the Royal Albert Hall and were energetically waving arms or programmes to attract the attention of friends in other parts of the building. This very happy atmosphere continued with a session of community singing under the skilful and witty direction of Ronald Calder, who let us have our head in singing some rollicking songs, which led to a rich and tuneful *finale* with the Doxology sung in four parts.

There was tremendous applause as Miss Macfie, the Founder Pilot, and Miss Marguerita Fowler, General Secretary, came on to the platform. 'Mac' read a message from our Patron, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and said how sorry we all were that she could not be present. A message in return was sent from the gathering. Rita Fowler then read messages from our friends in many parts of the world.

The Chairman of the Central Executive, Miss Kathleen Owen, then introduced John Callf, Toc H Administrator, who said that the quality of each individual member lies in living life to the full, one day at a time. Members need to cultivate personality, with the safeguard of humility. If we want people



"From Darkness to Light" a picture taken during rehearsal

to follow us we must be sure to make ourselves worth following, and to be seen to be going somewhere. John spoke of new experiments during the past two years in relationships at Branch level between the two Movements, and hoped these would continue for they may begin a new chapter in our history. He asked that the women should not always leave the initiative in these matters to the men, but should take some action themselves.

### *Prologue and 'Light'*

After the interval, our attention was turned to a *tableau* of the Holy Family in the centre of the stage. Voices off and the Challenger, robed in glittering apparel, exhorted the audience to think of the work carried out by Toc H for the young and old, sick and infirm, the leper, prisoner and coloured worker. This formed the Prologue "*From Darkness to Light*", produced by Donald Munro with London members of Toc H and Women's Association as the cast. At the end of the Prologue the Challenger, bathed in brilliant light, walked slowly down the main aisle and from the far end of the Hall, as the audience joined in singing Barclay Baron's *Hymn of Light*, led the Lamp bearers walking slowly two by two to the stage where they took up their positions. Tubby and Miss Macfie followed, with 'Tish' bearing the Lamp of Maintenance. Tapers from the parent Lamp in turn lit the Lamps of some four hundred Branches, so that as the house lights dimmed a broad arc of twinkling stars formed about the Holy Family. The Ceremony of Light and Home Going Prayers, led by the Founder Padre, brought the Festival Evening to a close.

On the Sunday morning, services were held at All Hallows and at mid-day Tubby dedicated a settle given in memory of Marjorie Thomas. In the afternoon, ancient Guildhall's Gog



hearsal of the Prologue in the Royal Albert Hall.

and Magog looked down on animated groups of women who met for the final session of the Festival—the Family Gathering. Conversations were frequently suspended as announcements from the platform attempted to link up member with member or Branch with Branch, while Erica Lee (a Regional Secretary) read a delightful poem to introduce members of Headquarters and Field staff to the membership. Miss Macfie thanked Jean Perry on behalf of us all for her outstanding work as Festival Secretary and, as a memento, presented her with a pen. The Brothers West, printers of the LOG since its inception, then came to the microphone with Miss Barbara Vise, its Editor, and together spoke of the publication side of Mac's new book, *The Curious History of Toc H Women's Association*.

### *Tubby's suggestion*

During the chatter and queueing for tea, Tubby came quietly on to the platform and was called upon to speak. After many reminiscences he suggested a particular job in which Women's Association might like to take a lead, that of leaving one's eyes to an eye bank, and at the end of his talk brought the Festival to a close with Family Prayers.

For the fortunate ones who could spend a few extra days in London a series of entertainments and outings had been planned, with coach trips to the countryside, canal and river trips, a walk through Epping Forest and visit to the theatre.

Thumbing through the well-designed programme again, many members will re-read Peter Monie's words which so appropriately sum up the week-end:

*"The great moments pass, and yet they remain . . . We go back to our work and our fun and our jobs. But all that was best in the birthday abides with us."*



# The Elder Brethren

At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them

BAKER.—On April 19, NELSON HUGH BAKER ('Pop'), aged 72, a member of Bromley Branch. Elected 16.5.'51.

BURTON.—On April 21, STANLEY BURTON, aged 41, a member of Market Drayton Branch. Elected 16.6.'52.

FEARNSIDES.—Suddenly, on May 21, WILLIAM EDWARD FEARNSIDES, ('W.E.'), aged 70, the Pilot of Leominster Branch. Elected 7.10.'47.

FELLOWS.—On May 10, WILLIAM HENRY FELLOWS, aged 79, a member of Bilston Branch. Elected 13.12.'46.

FIFE.—On January 8, BERT FIFE, aged 60, a member of Manchester Area General Members Branch. Elected 12.9.'50.

FORRESTER.—On February 24, Captain JOSEPH FORRESTER, aged 73, 4th Bn. Coldstream Guards and a former Chairman of Lancaster Branch.

FRASER.—On March 8, WILLIAM FRASER, aged 62, a member of Kilmarnock Branch. Elected 23.1.'41.

GILCHRIST.—On May 20, HUGH BOWES GILCHRIST, aged 65, a member of Murton Branch. Elected 21.10.'52.

GRIFFITHS.—On May 10, the Rev. HAROLD PRESCOT GRIFFITHS, aged 63, a member of Clubmoor Branch. Elected 25.10.'48.

HARDING.—On February 4, MAURICE A. HARDING, a founder member and the first Treasurer of Falkirk Central Branch. Elected 22.9.'30.

LEE.—On March 4, FRANK H. LEE, aged 38, a member of Burnley Branch. Elected 1.1.'32.

MATTHEWS.—On April 24, STEPHEN FRANK MATTHEWS, aged 79, a founder member of Teignmouth Branch. Elected 21.3.'33.

MCLAREN.—On March 16, WALTER MCLAREN, aged 65, a founder member of Falkirk Central Branch. Elected 2.5.'31.

PIERREPONT.—On April 1, SETH PIERREPONT, first Hon. Treasurer Toc H U.S.A. 1925-'37. A most faithful friend to Tubby, Pat and Pryor Grant.

PLEWS.—On May 29, as a result of an accident at work, DANIEL HENRY PLEWS, aged 54, a member of Liverton Mines Branch. Elected 4.5.'53.

RICHARDS.—On April 20, JOSEPH RICHARDS, aged 64, the Jobmaster of Coupar Angus Branch. Elected 27.10.'52.

RUSSELL.—On May 12, at Silverburn, Leven, Fife, Sir DAVID RUSSELL, LL.D., a most generous friend of Toc H.

SEXTON.—On April 13, JOHN THOMAS SEXTON, aged 90, a member of Sheringham Branch. Elected 10.1.'36.

THAIN.—On April 15, ALEXANDER THAIN, aged 68, a founder member of Paisley Branch. Elected 6.6.'33.

THURLEY.—On April 27, ALBERT CHARLES THURLEY, aged 67, a member of Donnington Branch. Elected 10.12.'49.

TREDWAY.—On May 9, GEORGE TREDWAY, a member of Mark I since 1943 and previously of Bermondsey Branch. Elected 1.1.'22.



# IFAR CRY NOTES AND NEWS FROM DISTANT PARTS

*Contributed by* **GEOFF MARTIN**, *Overseas Secretary*



Delegates to the Toc H India Festival and Conference seated on the steps of the Chapel of the American College, Madura.

## THE MADURA FESTIVAL

WHILE the Central Councillors were cogitating in London during the week-end of April 20/22, members of Toc H in India were also meeting at Madura. It is now thirty years since Toc H first came to India, so this was an occasion of special significance, and this is what R. D. PAUL, Hon. Commissioner for India, has to say about it :

"The picturesque old city of Madura, sizzling in the heat of the April sun and seething with the enormous mass of humanity which congregates there for its annual Chittrai festival welcomed the fifty-odd chaps who came to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Toc H in India with stifling days and breezeless nights and a shortage of water ! In spite of everything, a wonderful spirit of fellowship and oneness, an undercurrent of joy and happiness, a keenness and sincerity of purpose. An unforgettable Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication in the Chapel of the American College, a refreshing early morning Service of Holy Communion on Sunday, a typical joyous family gathering, and lively discussions in the groups—these are some of the memories that endure.

Most of the delegates came on Saturday morning and were kept fully engaged all the thirty-six hours of their stay, with

the Conference and the other items on the Festival Programme. The main purpose of this gathering was to get the Movement, as represented by the pick of its membership which assembled on the occasion, to re-think Toc H with special reference to current conditions in the country. It had therefore been arranged that in three three-hour sessions, the gathering should hear the following papers read and then to discuss them :

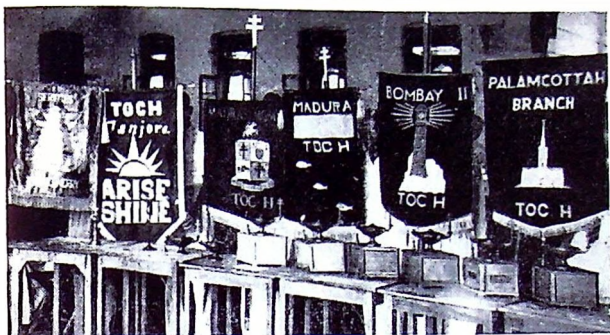
1. "Toc H in a Secular Welfare State aiming at a Socialistic pattern"—by S. J. Augustus.
2. "Toc H and its relationship to the Church"—by S. Jesuratnam.
3. "The special emphases Toc H should make in order to make itself relevant to the conditions in India and the Indian Church"—by Dr. J. P. Joshua.



Singing the opening hymn at the Service of Thanksgiving and Re-dedication at the Madura Festival : Bishop Newbiggin in the centre with the four padres on the dias.

The highlight of the week-end was the Service of Thanksgiving and Re-dedication on Saturday afternoon, conducted by four Toc H padres, the Reverends I. SOMASUNDARAM (Coimbatore), J. P. COTELINGAM (Trimulgherry), I. D. THOMAS (Trichinopoly) and D. M. SAMUEL (Madura). The four lessons were read by four laymen—A. PAUL (Tanjore), KINGSLEY SIEBEL (Colombo), J. P. JOSHUA (Madras), and J. POTTLE (Bombay). VICTOR DARE (Palamcottah) and S. KANAKARAJ DAVID (Coimbatore) conducted the improvised choir which led the singing. The Rt. Rev. J. E. I. NEWBIGGIN, M.A., D.D., Bishop in Madura (C.S.I.) gave the Festival address. With 1 John 1:5-7 as his text, he preached a direct, forcible and practical sermon on light, fellowship and cleansing. "God is light. In Him is no darkness at all".

A Family gathering and Guest-night was held after the Service. Beginning with some community singing and a few other musical items, it went on to more serious things. Arthur Asirvatham explained to the non-members present—about seventy in number—what Toc H is and what it is attempting to do. Light was taken by CYRIL PASGON (*Bombay*). The Lamps and rushlights of all the units in India were arranged in a row and each was lit by a representative of the unit to which it belonged. Then followed the presentation of Lamps of Maintenance to the Coonoor and Madura groups which had recently been given Branch status. The Guest-night ended with a light supper in which all the guests joined. The Palamcottah Branch then attempted to do some entertaining and staged a mock parliament. And so to bed !



Some of the Lamps, Rushlights and Banners at the Madura Festival

At 6.30 on Sunday morning we assembled in the College Chapel again for a Toc H Corporate Communion at which the C.S.I. Liturgy was used. Two sessions of the Conference followed and we ended up by tea time with the Ceremony of Light done in Tamil and family prayers conducted by Padre SOMASUNDARAM. A memorable week-end thus came to an end.

Five delegates came from the three Units in the North India Region, travelling nearly 1,500 miles each way to attend the Festival. Six representatives came from the village groups and wings. Every unit in the country sent one or more representatives.

Nothing cheered and encouraged us more than the messages and greetings that were received from far and near. Central Headquarters and others in Britain, the Old House in Pop-



eringe, friends in Brussels, Toc H in Southern Africa, Toc H Women's Association in Southern Africa, Toc H in Central Africa, Toc H in Uganda, the Australian Executive, the Queensland Area, the Minalton Branch and individual members in India and abroad remembered us on the occasion; and there is no doubt that their prayers and intercessions on our behalf upheld us greatly in all that we did during the week-end."

R. D. PAUL.

## LEPROSY IN BANGALORE

Elsewhere in this number there is a report of the BELRA meeting held on June 6, commemorating the 21st anniversary of the recruitment of the first Toc H volunteers. Here is an account of service in the same field at a Leper Hospital, about three miles from Bangalore. It must have been a grim spot before the Toc H members first visited the place in 1952. It may still be grim, but there is no doubt that human and material grimness is far less than it was, such is the effect of genuine interest and friendship from people of the outer world. Edward Meyale, of Bangalore group, when sending us these pictures, writes:



At the Annual Sports held at the Leper Hospital near Bangalore: on left, the winners of the balancing race; right, the bun-and-treacle race in progress.

There are now about 250 patients of whom about forty are children and an equal number of women. With the assistance of Toc H they have formed a Literary & Sports Association of which our Chairman is the President, and a social worker and friend of Toc H, the Vice-President. We have helped with books for their Library and equipment for their Sports Club—such as a table-tennis table, badminton set, cricket, football and indoor games. The patients occasionally compete with outside teams. This Association is now self-supporting and capable of supervising and directing the many activities initiated by Toc H.



The patients now engage themselves in gardening, poultry farming, tailoring and at the Library which has books in English and the Regional Languages. The patients who help in the gardening and tailoring are paid 50% of the net income and a third of the gross income respectively, as wages. By this means we have been able to provide useful work for the majority of the able-bodied patients.

The Government Educational Department has at length opened a Primary School for the children, paying a very small stipend for its maintenance. We supplement the amount to pay a staff of three teachers from the Colony itself, and claim that the children are now better educated than their counterparts in the world outside.

The patients staged three Dramas last year and enacted two plays in the vernacular, while the children did two in English. We have been arranging annual sports and dinners since 1952. They receive good prizes for Sports—most of which we receive as donations. A Film show usually ends a day of activity and happiness.

With the few members we have, the group has done its utmost for these so-called "untouchables".

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## THE NEW BRIDGE

by PETER GRANT

Here is an account of a society of men and women drawn together to help those who are trying to face life with a prison sentence behind them.

WE, who are members of the *New Bridge*, have joined together because we think that we can and ought to help men and women who come out of prison on their way back to everyday life. You may say there are many agencies and organisations which exist to do this. So there are, and we certainly do not want to try to take their place or to do their work for them. In fact, we receive the greatest co-operation from them.

In recent years, official help has been extended in various ways. The Ministry of Labour goes to the prison before a man is released to see about finding him work. The Ministry of Health sees to his condition. The National Assistance Board has his particulars; the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies look after his immediate needs if he has been in prison for a short time; the Central After-Care Association, working through the Probation Officers, supervises him if he has been serving a longer term. Both these last two organisations are officially recognised and given public funds to do their work. But there are some problems which they cannot solve, some kinds of prisoner they find hard to help, some occasions when

they themselves need help in getting a prisoner settled. This has been firmly stated in Government reports.

The *New Bridge* wants to be of use in such cases, and its members seek above all to provide the essential link between one human being and another which may make all the difference. Prisoners coming out after serving their sentences may mean to go straight, but circumstances combine to make them feel inferior or unwanted, and this is particularly true when there is no family life to restore them.

The founder of the *New Bridge* is Lord Pakenham, and other well-known personalities who are on its Executive include Hugh Klare, Secretary of the Howard League for Penal Reform, and Frank Dawtry, Chairman of the Probation Officers' Association.

### *Working arrangements*

We belong to no special group in society, to all denominations and to none. We divide into small groups, each under a chairman. Each group regards itself as collectively responsible for its cases, in order that no one member of the *New Bridge* shall become too closely identified with the affairs of any one ex-prisoner. Groups meet periodically to discuss their cases; at fairly frequent intervals a general meeting is addressed by some well known personality with experience in the field of after-care work. We try to be practical. For instance, we are going to set up a central clothing store for discharged men and women and to compile a register of landladies and a register of employers who are willing to take discharged prisoners. It is also intended to circulate all Governors of Prisons in the country to ask for the names of lonely prisoners so that pen friendships can be established. There are many men in prison who are desperately lonely and have no friends in the world.

Members are asked to subscribe a minimum of one pound a year, although much more than that is actually needed.

Here is a field of service where some T o c H members may be able to help. Surely the chance of keeping a person out of prison is worth even as much time and bother as it takes to prosecute him and get him 'inside'.

If you are interested, would you please write either to me at 11A, Westwood Hill, Sydenham, S.E.26, or to our hard working Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Wyndham, 10, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1. Her telephone number is BEL 5231.

# Warp and Weft

by F. G. CHESWORTH

WHEN a young V.A.D. nurse met the chaplain of a soldiers' club in Flanders for the first time, on Easter Day, 1917, neither of them could have had the least idea of the tremendous significance their meeting held not only for them, but for countless other men and women all over the world. The young nurse, who we now know as the Founder Pilot of Toc H Women's Association and a foundation member of Toc H in her own right, has recorded this first meeting and much that followed in a newly published book.\* Of her impressions of Talbot House at Poperinge on that eventful Easter morning she writes:

On climbing up the steep stair to the Upper Room and on reaching the level of the floor with my head, I looked around and saw nothing but a sea of very muddy boots and khaki puttees, all much the same in colour. There had been services going on continuously since dawn, and still the Chapel was crowded. Room was made for us, and we knelt before that sacred Bench beside men for whom this was a rare and deeply valued opportunity in the dark and dangerous life of the trenches round Ypres.

## *Taking shape*

The period covered by this chronicle is 1917-28; and a key date is 1922. Tubby had returned from Canada earlier that year greatly impressed by the activities of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of Canada and, before the year was through, from the band of 'unofficial' women who had rallied to help Toc H was born the Toc H League of Women Helpers.

Two years later saw the L.W.H. with a main objective: "the establishment of whatever might be the equivalent of a Mark for girls". The tale of how 'New June' came into being, the training it provided for future leaders and the enthusiasm it spread throughout the infant movement, is an exciting one that leaves the reader pondering why the experiment has never been repeated.

A red-letter day for L.W.H. came on December 7, 1928, when the Lamps of its first twenty-two Branches were lit by the Patron, then H.R.H. the Duchess of York. Only one day before the ceremony it came as a severe shock to learn from the manufacturers that the Lamps on order would not be ready!

\* *The Curious History of Toc H Women's Association: The First Phase 1917-1928*, by A. B. S. MACFIE, (8s. 6d. plus 9d. postage).

From this state of grief and disappointment, of apprehension of what the Patron and the members would think, we were rescued by Tubby. He sent the office-boy across the road to a little hardware shop opposite. Had they any small hurricane lanterns? Yes, they had: and we spent a busy few hours filling and experimenting with the lighting of these awkward substitutes. They may have been difficult to manage, they certainly were smoky, but they did something which no other kind of Lamp could have done, they linked us up with our forerunners, the night nurses in the hospitals in France in the war, going from hut to hut guided by the light of their hurricane lanterns.

In all forms of weaving the warp threads are first set up on the loom and then the weft are interlaced with them. It is inevitable that the threads of this early history should also be interlaced with those of Toc H, and although the full design is still far from completion, enough has been accomplished to reveal the grandeur of the joint pattern.

## BRANCH BANNERS

### XXIII SOUTH WILLESBOROUGH

by ALFRED BEALE



THE place where our Branch has taken root is in a mainly industrial residential district of Kent, without much in the way of local history, but you cannot reach it without crossing water, hence it has gained the name of 'Frogs Island'.

The banner was designed by Charley Clover, our late Secretary, and has been dedicated to the memory of Robert Wyllie, who passed on in 1951. 'Jock'

was a great inspiration to us and had helped to build Toc H in Kennington, Willesborough, and our own Branch before he became the Pilot of Kennington Branch.

The lettering of the banner is worked in gold on a black background, with a green island and a frog depicted at its base, and the embroidery is the skilled work of the daughter of Charley Glover.



# THE WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT, 1956

"A simple act that can bring home to Toc H members all round the world their essential unity of kinship and purpose." So runs one definition of the traditional observance. It will be held this year as usual on December 11 and 12 and no doubt will continue to be observed year by year.

MANY BRANCHES "stand to" in turn at 9 p.m. by local time, one after the other, until the world has been encircled. This is something more than "taking Light" at any weekly meeting. It is the occasion when, preparations having been made well in advance and many letters exchanged, every member is mindful of his fellowship with other men, known and unknown, across land and sea. At this time a Branch can become especially conscious, more than any formal greeting can convey, of the needs and hopes of men far from the parish pump, "widely separated, yet all within the sweep of the Father's love and of the power of the Holy Spirit to kindle out of human love and loyalty a light to lighten the nations, and to guide men's feet into the way of peace".

This year, 1956, the Chain will be started in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The appropriate times for its observance will be 9 p.m. by local time on Tuesday, December 11 (the birthday of Talbot House, Poperinge), in Ireland, Gambia (West Africa) and the American continents, and on Wednesday, December 12 (Tubby's birthday) in New Zealand, Australia, Asia, Africa and Europe, including Great Britain.

## *The Vigil*

This will be kept throughout the twenty-four hours in Belfast. There will be no general plans made, as in the last two years, for Vigils to be held elsewhere, a decision which has been notified to the Hon. Commissioners and Lone Units in all overseas countries and agreed by the Central Council. The intention is to consider holding the Vigil universally again in 1959, when the dates fall at the week-end, and in the jubilee year, 1965.

This year and any year Branches are, of course, entirely free to arrange a Vigil of their own at any time and for any period they choose. Many accounts of experiences in the last two years leave no doubt of the value of doing this. Where it is decided to adopt any plan for this or other devotional

acts, the booklet on *The Theme of the Vigil* (10s. a dozen, post free) will be found helpful for individual and corporate use.

A message from Northern Ireland for reading at the time of the local observance of the World Chain will be made available to all Branches and a description of the scene of the Vigil to be held in Belfast will be published shortly. Meanwhile let communication be made and letters exchanged, so as to strengthen every link of the chain. As Tubby has written, "this Godly custom has proved precious to a high degree".



## FROM ALL PARTS DIRECT from AREAS



**YORKSHIRE**—Holidays are here again and **Bridlington** Branch would be pleased to welcome any visitors to the town, at their meeting place, The Old Rocket House, any Wednesday evening.

New Units are springing up gradually in the industrial areas, **Baillif Bridge** and **Sowerby** follow the lead of **Cleckheaton**. A group has just been formed in **West Hull**. There are lively prospects of groups being started at **Hornsea** and **Withernsea**.

The Power Conference at York on July 21/22 is very much looked forward to.

**Hemsworth**, one of our oldest Branches has closed down, but we hope this is only a temporary eclipse. **JOHN MADDOCK.**

**EASTERN LONDON**—Last year **Debden** Branch sponsored with such success an Inter-denominational Industrial Thanksgiving Service (similar to a Harvest Thanksgiving with industrial machinery taking the place of fruit and wheat etc.,) that the World Council of Churches are arranging a similar Service this year.

Within the last year, or just over, five new groups have come into being; three of these have now become Branches and are doing fairly well.

The **South-East Essex** District Team are making efforts to start a scheme for broadcasting football matches to the hospital in Southend.

**CHRIS ADAMS.**

**EAST MIDLANDS**—Ask anyone in Leicestershire about **Cosby** and they will mention the brook in the Main Street. Ask anyone in **Cosby** about the brook and they will mention winter flood and summer ozone. Sponsored by the Branch and supported by the *Cosby News* plans are now afoot by which the brook will add to the beauty of the village.

**Leicester South** District have again been asked to run the Herdsmen's Tent at the County Show and look forward to meeting fellow members and friends amongst the herdsman.

**COLIN STEVENSON.**

**NORTHERN**—Members of **Darlington Branch** have been fitting letter-boxes for the residents of an Old Folks' Home. Plans are well advanced for the Area Rally at **Durham** on July 14/15.

Conversation piece at a recent District Team meeting discussing two places for possible extension. "No, not at present, they are all busy in their gardens, planting time. Bide your time for a week or two until the gardeners are watching things grow, then we can make friends, sit with them and maybe plant a few seeds for the Toc H garden in September."

CHARLES YOUNG.



**SOUTH WESTERN**—The above picture was taken at the twenty-first birthday party given by **Looe Branch** at which 'Ches', Editor of the JOURNAL, was the Guest Speaker. One of the highlights was a dramatised version of the history of the Branch to date.

**Landrake Branch** have recently formed a Badminton Team, and are prepared to challenge other Branches, teams to consist of four, five or six players. Those interested should contact their Secretary: A. ('Dave') Davey. "Windyridge" Landrake, Saltash, Cornwall.

GILBERT FRANCIS.

**MARCHES**—The **West Salop District Team** now holds its summer meetings in the Branches. The other two Teams in the Division already go out to their Branches with some of their meetings.

**Shrewsbury Branch** recently linked up **Weston Rhyn Branch** (Offa's Dyke District) with **Withington** (East Salop District), at **Wem**, where this Branch, in West Salop District, acted as the hosts for the evening. Wem Branch had the last word by keeping their evening arrangements a mystery from the H.D.C. and all the members. The Rev. R. Whittington led a discussion and the three loneliest Branches in this Division, came together in a very successful evening that dispelled any theories of parochialism within the Family.

T. ROMANIS.

**MANCHESTER**—Members from a dozen Branches in the Area were found at **Whalley Abbey** during the week-end May 11-12, gath-

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cred there to discover what makes Whalley week-end 'tick.' Padre John Jones led us with great enthusiasm—and he had an admirable foil for his Welsh wit in Irishman, Jack Shaw, whom we are delighted to welcome as our Area Secretary. John talked on three themes from the Main Resolution and a very lively discussion always took place when he had finished. Bill Thompson, who calls himself a "hanger off" from Leigh almost made us believe that Wood was a "cure all" for the world's ills during the "minor session" which he led most ably. The two babies of the Area, **Blackburn** and **Barnoldswick** continue to flourish and are playing their part in the life of the Area.

Members of **Roc Green** (Worsley) Branch raised sufficient funds by means of a jumble sale to install a television set for a forty-year-old war pensioner, confined to his home by rheumatoid arthritis.

BILL TAYLOR.

FRANK WALKER.

**WESTERN AREA**—**Knowle** Branch have for a number of years been responsible for entertainments in a men's ward for long-term patients at Winford Orthopaedic Hospital, have now extended the service to a women's ward in the same hospital.

**Calne, Corsham and Chippenham** Branches, together with local Branches of the Women's Association, have joined together to give a social evening and entertainment to 26 crippled people living in the district.

A pilgrimage to Poperinge at Whitsun week-end organised from this Area consisted of a party of 25 members from various parts of the country, and was most inspiring and enjoyable.

FRED BROOKER.

**OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY**—The meeting was timed for 7.45 p.m., but West Indians can be as late as Toc H members. They turned up, however. Racial Unity flourished between West Indian undergraduates and workers, West Oxford residents and East Oxford Council householders—a unity somewhat smashed by the Jamaican Chairman—beginning solemnly, "Ladies and Gentlemen and West Indians . . ." Balance was slightly restored by a lady who refused to be called white. "I am not white," she cried fiercely. "I am pink! . . . call me crimson, green, scarlet,—but not white—PLEASE!" The Chairman ending the meeting said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, West Indians and the Pink Lady . . ."—but this time there was a roar of laughter. Racial Unity had grown into a sense of humour at this **Oxford Toc H** meeting. During it, the speaker, Mr. Cherrie, a West Indian Civil Servant, had said, "when I first came to England, I knew that the British were the friendliest race under the sun—but as I stood lonely in the underground, I'd have caught a boat back if I'd had a convenient boat . . ."—and, to his own countrymen, "See to it, when you go back that no one has to travel three thousand miles to earn a living."

OLIVER WILKINSON.

**SUSSEX**—The thoughts of many members will still be on the Area Festival recently held at **Uckfield**. This was very much a Family affair and a time of great inspiration for all present. The service was conducted by Padre C. W. F. Bennett late of Uckfield Branch and the Address given by the Archdeacon of Lewes. John Jones as Speaker at the Festival Guest-night was in great form.

CYRIL CATTELL.



**S. and S.E. LONDON**—A new group, **Palace Green**, Addington, held its inaugural meeting on May 14th. This is the result of keen extension work on the part of **New Addington Branch**, supported by the **Springpark District**. The group meets on Mondays at the Methodist Hall, Addington, and the Secretary is Gordon E. Malthouse, 14, Abbots Green, Addington.

**Sanderstead Branch** has received a new lease of life and now meets at the **Library, Sanderstead Hill**, on Mondays. The new Secretary is Ralph Hollis, 31, Holmwood Avenue, Sanderstead.

**Eltham Branch** gives a concert to the local Blind Club once a month, also arrange an excursion in the summer.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Beckenham attended the whist drive which **Coney Hall Branch** held in aid of the **British Empire Campaign** against Cancer Fund. Over £17 was raised for the Fund.

**Chelsfield Branch** has closed down. It is hoped, however, that a new group will be started in the autumn.

SAM EVANS.

**NORTH WESTERN**—Quite a number of Branch members and General members come into **Liverpool** every day to work and some of us have decided to form ourselves into a Lunch Club. We are fortunate indeed in securing a most attractive and rather out-of-the-ordinary restaurant. Through the good offices of one of our number, we shall be able to have a room to ourselves on board the *Landfall*—an old invasion barge now berthed in Canning Dock and converted into the Master Mariners' Club. We can assure you an excellent lunch in this nautical rendezvous and, if you would like to join us, just get in touch with the Area Padre at Gladstone House.

JIM GREEN.

Branches over an area extending from Llandudno to Crewe were represented at **Saughall Branch's** fourth birthday celebrations. Soon after this Branch received its Lamp, a Branch of the Women's Association came into being and now has a membership of thirty. Last year the Branch founded a Junior Section which is known as "Saughall Toc H Youth Club".

C. W. R. BROWN.

**NOTTS & DERBY**—**Chesterfield Branch** is to help in the work of the National Association for Backward Children by looking after children on Saturday afternoons while their parents do the shopping. **Alfreton Branch** celebrated its Silver Jubilee on June 2 with a garden party. Part of the proceedings was a comic cricket match played with five stumps and an oval ball! Once again, the **Derby Toc H Camp for Boys** will be held, for lads who would not otherwise have a holiday, during the last week in July and the first in August.

LES WHEATLEY.

**LAKELAND**—Our visitor this spring was John Jones from Wales, who toured the whole area during the last week in March and met all the districts save one. His visit was much appreciated and his challenge about new towns and new housing areas remains to be answered.

John Callif, the Administrator, paid a visit to Ambleside in May, to the pleasure as well as the profit of all who were able to come.

The Area Festival, which takes place every two years, was on this occasion held in Kendal. Padre George Williams, of Kendal, led our re-dedication service in Zion Chapel and Jim Davies, Administrative Padre, preached the sermon. Subsequently, a representative gathering

of men and women from Cumberland, Westmorland and North Lancashire, took tea together and then mixed and talked at a Guest-night where, among other things, we listened to a dramatic adaptation of *Cry the Beloved Country* written by Oliver Wilkinson.

IAIN FRASER.

**WEST MIDLANDS**—About eighty guests in addition to members from local Branches were present when **Catshill** Branch received their Lamp from Vin Allen, the Area Chairman, and Edgar Stickley gave an inspiring talk.

'Resurgam' was the dominant theme there at a recent Guest-night held by the revived **Walsall** Branch and attended by a goodly company.

The District Teams of **North and South Birmingham** together with **North Warwickshire** are involved in preparations to send boys away from these parts for a much-needed seaside holiday.

**South Staffs** District have been busy with the arrangements for the Area Festival being held at Lichfield on July 9, when Tubby will give the Festival preachment in the Cathedral.

BOB PURDY.

**KENT**—**Tunbridge Wells** District are very busy raising funds and making arrangements for their annual Isle of Thorns Camp for boys. A number of seaside Branches in other parts of the Area have an even larger number of requests this year to make catering and other arrangements for old folk and cripples coming to the coast for outings. When **Rusthall** agree to undertake a Guest-night it is sure to be good; the District one held recently was no exception, and all present were delighted to have John Jones there as Guest Speaker.

CYRIL CATTELL.

**BEDS. & HERTS.**—For the fifth successive Whit Monday, the sun shone on Sandyc Place where **Sandy** Branch organised their Annual Sports Day for the children of the village. Over 1,000 adults passed through the gates to watch their children enjoy an event which is becoming an institution in the village.

**Luton** have co-operated with their Women's Association Branch in providing the 75th entertainment for blind and old people which they have organised during the last nine years. During that time, hundreds of amateur artistes have given their services.

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**TULIP BULBS.** Pinchbeck Branch will again be selling Bulbs this Autumn. All profits to Family Purse. Details in Sept. JOURNAL. Enquiries: E. W. Packer, Treasurer, "Fenlands", Spalding Road, Pinchbeck, Lincs.

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